

## Full Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 09/22/2022

Meeting Called to Order: 11:13 AM

Members in Attendance: Michael Bullis, Rose Carey, Melissa Blubaugh, Jade Gingerich, Lorna-Mae Silcott, Megan Glaze-Keller, Josh Basile

Guests: Laurie Elinoff, Sarah Basehart, Berenda Riedl, Catherine Jones, Darlene Paragoy, Dave Drezner, Lidiya Belyovska, Karen Anderson-Scott, Pamela Ford, Lori Berrong

The agenda was approved.

### MDTAP Presentation:

- Nine assistive technology libraries across the state
- Adaptive gaming events, including talking games and adapted controllers. Open to individuals with disabilities and all ages. They are creating accessible gaming kits with Televisions and gaming consoles which will be available in November for folks to host their own accessible gaming events.
- Virtual AT awareness days
- Maryland High-tech Reuse center distributes refurbished technologies; they are asking for donations of technology and are searching for volunteers who are experienced with electronic repairs
- MDTAP has many webinars on YouTube, including back to school and other AT information
- Will soon be receiving funding through ACL for I Drive Maryland which is a low-interest loan for adapted vehicles which will make vehicle loans more affordable for consumers

The meeting minutes from the June Full Council meeting were approved.

Treasury Report: We will be spending far less than we have in our account. Our current balance is \$149,645.62.

Executive Director:

- DORS is willing to work with the SILC on hiring a part-time contractual employee to work 20 hours per week. Details are being discussed.
- Rose is going to send out a list of inventory and equipment to the SILC members. This way they will know what needs to be purchased when the new director is hired.

Diversity Training: Keri Gray gave a great presentation and final report. Keri's written report has been sent to the SILC members. Hosting an annual update diversity training is being discussed on the SPIL writing committee.

#### Committee Reports:

- Infrastructure: The operations manual will be ready to be voted on by December.
- Outcomes: Encouraged members to attend the October 19 SILC/CIL/DSE presentation and we will cover anything else that is needed in additional trainings. They are working on the final year of this SPIL as well as writing the next one. Delegate Forbes has submitted the proposal to the legislative drafters to incorporate the SILC. Things are still on schedule to have a bill ready for when the legislative session begins.
- SPIL Writing Committee: Jade and Dave are the co-chairs of this committee. Committee is accepting new participants. They have met once and received a training from an ILRU representative. They requested the PPR reports from the CILs.
- Public Engagement: They are in the process of creating a PowerPoint meant to introduce the SILC so that the Council has it for any introductory presentations. They are working on questions to ask potential new council members. They are working on keeping the website current. Susan Larsen is now handling the social media accounts for the SILC.
- Rehabilitation Council Report: Melissa was not able to attend the annual State Rehabilitation Council meeting.
- Legislative: Meeting every Friday at 9:30. They will be having their first meeting tomorrow and will be discussing the legislative platform for the upcoming session.
- Membership: At the most recent executive committee meeting, they interviewed a potential member who is going to apply for SILC membership through the governor's office. They are going to be interviewing another person at the next executive committee meeting, and they are in talks with other potential SILC members as well. Joyce Brooks' membership term is ending on September 30, 2022, and Rose expressed her appreciation for her service.

Elections: Rose Carey was elected as chair of the Maryland SILC. Michael Bullis was elected as the treasurer for the Maryland SILC.

#### CIL Updates:

- Freedom Center: The center sadly reports the death of a long-serving board member; International ataxia awareness day online fundraiser in honor of his passing. They have signed a lease for a new office and the lease begins October 1.
- Bay Area CIL: They hosted a disability resource fair and vaccine clinic earlier this month. They have hired five new employees and continue to focus on growing the center.
- SMCIL: They hired two new part-time staff. They are growing their board of directors and have added three new members. They are finalizing their rebranding efforts and are doing a grand reopening of their center in November. Their first referrals for the VDC have taken place. They are teaching person-centered planning through Shared Support.
- Independence Now: Youth Leadership Forum youth fairs. Health and nutrition fair and open house on October 21.
- IMAGE Center: They received approval from HUD to provide home modifications for seniors living in Harford County which will allow them to hire some new staff.
- ARI: They have hired a new executive director.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:44 PM